

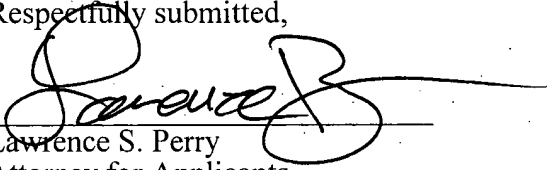
b.) Remarks

The claims have been amended to recite the present invention with the specificity required by statute. In the Advisory Action the Examiner states the phrases "without destroying said granule bearing a coating film" and "without destroying the granule" are not found in the specification. Applicant respectfully believe this objection is without any basis in fact; however, since the noted clauses are not relied upon for patentability, such have been deleted.

Entry hereof is earnestly solicited.

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